



USSR taking on Spain.

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Surprises and regularities of basketball

Four teams continue competition for the awards of the men's European basketball championship. The USSR and Italy and Czechoslovakia and Spain will meet in the semifinals. The participants in these meets were determined after the USSR beat Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia — Yugoslavia.

The start of the quarterfinal

game was very promising for the USSR. Their attacks, which followed one after another, were quite successful. But then it seemed our players had their wings clipped, and in a few minutes they lost their advantage. They managed to restore it in full measure only after the interval. Valdis Valters was the top Soviet scorer with 31 points.

Bronze, silver and gold

Soviet marksmen have won one gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the European centre fire shooting now going on in the Swiss city of Zurich.

The Soviet national team has so far been the best in shooting from a free rifle of sixty shots at 300 metres. It already has 1,761 points to its credit. The best individual marksman is Gennadiy Lushchikov, who has 591 points. Alexandra Mitrofanova won a bronze medal by scoring 574 points.

Victorious starts of Soviet athletes

Ostrava. Two wins were scored by Soviet sportsmen in the Golden Spiked Shoe athletic contest in Czechoslovakia. Tatyana Rodionova from Krasnodar won the long jump in 682 cm, and second-placed Muscovite Yelena Ivanova reached 661 cm. Alexander Krupskiy from Irkutsk won the pole-vault, scaling 560 cm. Jindrich Vondra of Czechoslovakia and Sergei Zaslomov of the USSR both scaled 225 cm in the men's high jump, but the latter placed second having used more attempts.

SECOND INTERZONAL CHESS CONTEST BEGINS

The men's interzonal chess championship, the second of the three planned events, has been launched in Tacco, 160 kilometres from Mexico City. The first was recently held in Tunis where Soviet grandmasters won three of the four places entitling them to enter the challengers tournament, the next stage in the world championship.

The three Soviet grandmasters in Tacco are ex-world champion Mikhail Thal, Yuri Balashov and Oleg Romanov.

Among their thirteen rivals the strongest are Jan Timman of Holland, Hungary's Jozsef Pinter, and Misa Cobalo of Yugoslavia. Others are Jesus Nogueiras of Cuba, British's Jonathan Speelman and Walter Browne of the United States. For various reasons, two players have refused to take part — John Nunn of Britain, who put in an excellent performance last year, and the West German Robert Hübner, who has just played a training match with

Garri Kasparov at Moscow. However, even with two masters missing, it is a difficult task to get the group of four victors who also act off challengers. Pinter are leading with 23 points each after three rounds.

However, the main part of the contest is still ahead. Tacco tournament will last more than two weeks.

Viktor RBE

Tennis:

Swede, American win French Open

Mats Wilander of Sweden and Chris Evert-Lloyd of the USA won the singles titles at the French Open tennis championship, proving their high reputation on clay courts. Both excelled in the company of top world masters regularly coming for this very popular event at the Parisian Roland-Garros stadium.

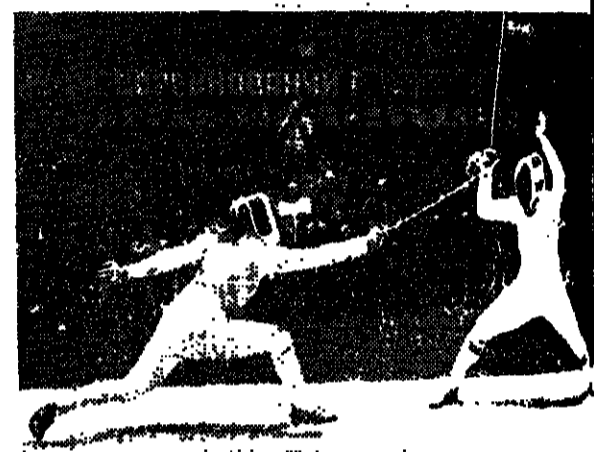
Wilander, 20, the world's No. 4, dashed the forecasts of most specialists who favoured John McEnroe of the USA and Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl. In the semifinals the Swede prevailed over the American 6-1, 7-5, 7-5 and Lendl in the finals — 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. In both matches he surprised the opponents with his best not only at the back but at the net, too.

Evert, at 30, has won her sixth such title — an unprecedented achievement. In the junior section Alexander Volkov and Vladimir Gavrishchik (USSR) lost in the doubles final to Czechoslovakia's Peter Korda and Cyril Suk — 6-4, 6-6, 5-7.

The first foil

There was a surprise ending to the first kind of the programme of the national fencing championship at the Druzhba all-purpose gym in Moscow — the foil individual tourna-

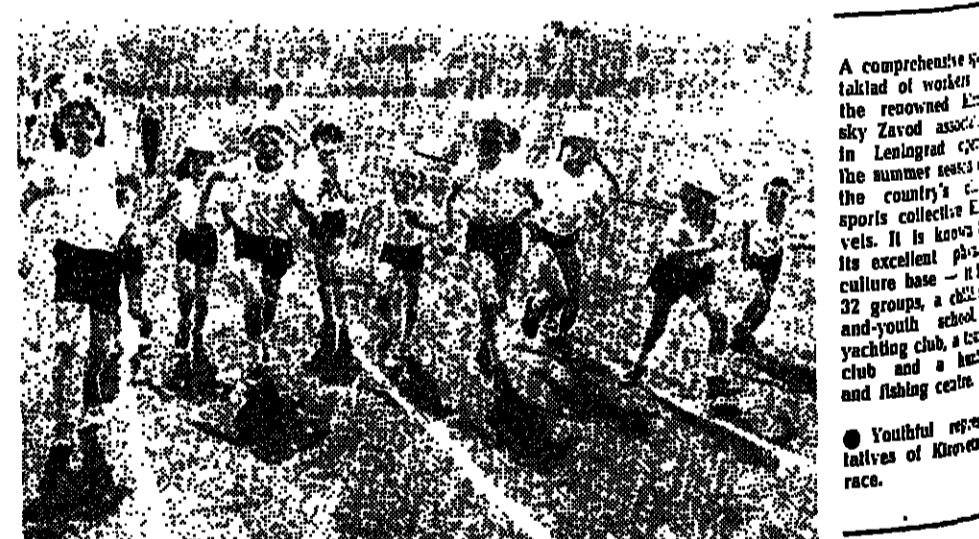
ment. The undisputed favourite and five-time world champion, Alexander Romanov (from Minsk, lost the final bout 9-11 to Vitaly Logvin, 27, from Tashkent.



Though this is the first national title for Vitaly, who is in his third year at the Department of the USSR University (previously he won any awards), you would call him a neophyte — he won the world level.

The women's gold was won by Olga Voshchakina (from Minsk, lost the final bout 9-11 to Vitaly Logvin, 27, from Tashkent.

Photo by Sergei I.



A comprehensive list of winners in the reformed Zvezda sports club in Leningrad for the summer season. The country's sports collective is its excellent place in the 32 groups in the youth school, a sailing club, a tennis club and a hockey and fishing centre.

● Youthful representatives of Moscow's Zvezda.

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For a world without wars and weapons

The Soviet Union will continue to do everything possible to ensure the absence of any nuclear or other weapons. The fundamental principle of our foreign policy is a world without wars and weapons. This is contained in Mikhail Gorbachev's message to the leadership of the All-India Association of Independence.

A recent visit by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to the Soviet Union and the Soviet-Indian friendship is Moscow convincingly demonstrates the development of a new factor of peace and stability not only in Asia but in all regions as well, the message.

The Soviet people highly value the contribution of India to the world peace and well-being. The Soviet Union is ready to do everything possible to ensure the absence of any nuclear or other weapons.

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Gorbachev receives Armand Hammer

Armand Hammer, president and chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation, was received by Gorbachev in the Kremlin. The two leaders discussed the development of relations between the USSR and the USA. Hammer warmly welcomed Gorbachev's initiative in the prevention of the arms race in space.

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Meeting Venus on the way to Halley's comet



Two Soviet space probes — Vega-1 and Vega-2 launched in December last year towards Halley's comet, have reached the planet Venus. Each of the stations deposited on the planet two independent automatic machines — a landing module and a probing balloon.

Vyacheslav Balabanov, deputy scientific head of the international project Venus-Halley's comet, says:

The landing crafts penetrated through the atmosphere of the planet and soft-landed on its surface at different places in the Mermaid Plain. During the flight through the atmosphere and on the surface they explored the physical and chemical characteristics of the Venusian atmosphere and clouds. A sample of the soil was also taken from the surface.

The results of this exploration will substantially supplement the information obtained during the flight of the Soviet Venus stations in previous years. This is the first time that information concerning the content in the Venusian rock of radioactive elements like uranium, thorium and potassium is being studied. Special instruments will establish the concentration of the main rock-forming elements — from manganese to iron — in the samples of Venusian soil, as well as a number of heavier rare elements. Results of the sample drilling are being processed at the moment.

Of great interest is the new information about the Venusian atmosphere sent by the descent modules. It has proved highly unstable in zones where it transforms from liquid state into gas and vice versa. Vapours of sulphuric acid have been detected.

Apart from the descent modules, a large amount of information has come from the balloons, which carry instrument containers. One of their main tasks is to study the global circulation of the Venusian atmosphere, such as the movement of the clouds which envelop the planet with a thick screen at a height of nearly fifty kilometres. It turns out that they move very rapidly from east to west. The nature of this phenomenon is as yet unknown.

The flight of the sampling balloons was guided by the Venusian winds at a height of fifty-

four kilometres. On the way the balloons' instruments measured the course, temperature, pressure and other parameters. The information travelled a rather lengthy path. The balloon of the first station, moving at the speed of two hundred kilometres an hour, made ten thousand kilometres — nearly one-fourth of the circumference of the planet.

For two days and nights, the signals from the balloons were received by tracking stations in many countries — Canada, Spain, the United States, Australia, France, Britain and others. The pooling of the scientific efforts from practically all over the world enabled the location of the balloons to be traced with great precision at any given moment. The information obtained is now being processed in line with a programme mutually agreed upon in two centres — Moscow and Toulouse.

The first scientific aim of the international project Venus-Halley's comet has been achieved and Vega-1 and Vega-2 are leaving vicinity of the planet for Halley's comet. Another probe, Gioto, is to be launched towards the comet in July this year by the European Space Agency (ESA). In August, Japan will also launch its probe, Planet-A, for the same destination. The meeting between the comet and these space probes from different countries will be a notable event in the development of worldwide cooperation in space exploration.

Dance Festival continues

The first round of the 5th Moscow International Ballet Competition has concluded. The Chinese newcomers to the competition have caused considerable air among the Bolshoi audience. The jury's response, however, is yet to be known.

Pictured: Wan Qifeng and Yang Xinhua, China, dancing pas-de-deux from Pugn's "Emeralda". (For more detail see p. 6)

Voice of reason

Geneva. While there is still time, a decisive action is required from all sober-minded people around the world to prevent implementation of the plans to militarize outer space, which would consequently put mankind on the brink of disaster. This appeal was made by participants in a just-ended meeting on the prevention of the arms race in space. It was called on the initiative of the international forum for links among the peace forces. The delegates included prominent scientists, military experts as well as political and public figures.

The speakers condemned Reagan's plans to spill the arms race into outer space and noted that preventing these plans from being realized is a necessary condition for removing the threat of nuclear war and preserving

outer space for peaceful scientific and economic progress. Emphasizing the worldwide concern over the new dangerous turn in the arms race, the delegates declared in their final document that the deployment of a strike weapon systems into space will make arms control impossible and bring the threat of a nuclear disaster still closer.

FACTS and EVENTS

● In South Africa terrorists and thugs have been knocked together into a "death squad" to assassinate the leaders of the United Democratic Front and other organizations struggling against the apartheid system.

● The Manila newspaper

"Malaya" reports that the USA has started deploying special anti-insurgency units at its military bases in the Philippines.

● A demonstration of protest against the repressive policies of the Pinochet fascist junta has been held by university students in the city of Concepcion, Chile.

● The Prime Minister of Portugal, Mario Soares, has declared his intention to resign following the withdrawal of Social Democratic Party ministers from his cabinet.

● A cooperation agreement has been reached between the CMEA Secretariat and the ruling council of the Cartagena Treaty on promotion of economic and trade links between the two organizations.

Despite police brutality, arrests and pogroms, British women peacekeepers continue their courageous opposition to attempts to turn Britain into a NATO nuclear arsenal. They are often assisted in their uneasy vigil near the US Air Force base at Molesworth by men.

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formation into important factor in present-day international relations is a significant gain by peoples of the liberated Asian, African and Latin American countries, the Soviet leader emphasized. We are in solidarity with the aspirations of the peoples of these countries who are

making vigorous efforts to overcome the consequences of the colonial yoke. The Soviet Union has always supported the peoples of the liberated nations in their drive against colonialism and imperialism, for equitable and fair international relations and against the imperialist policy of domination and dictatorial message stresses.

ATTEMPTS TO NEGATE SALT-2

Washington. It is hardly surprising that the Soviet side has met without enthusiasm the statement made by President Reagan about the SALT-2 Treaty, said Paul C. Warnke, former Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Speaking at a conference held by a public organization—Committee for National Security, he stressed that the President's talk

about the need to achieve progress at the Geneva negotiations on nuclear armaments sounded false and hollow, as he omitted any reference to the talks on space weapons.

P. Warnke recalled that the Geneva talks were based on the understanding that both sides would seek to prevent the arms race from spreading into outer space and stop it on Earth.

'Contras' leave port without water

Managua. American hirelings, the "contras", have committed another act of sabotage at an industrial project, "Tegoci", north of Puerto Calones, leaving this important port without water. This was made known by the Nicaraguan President, Daniel Ortega, in a speech to medical workers. He said that the "contras" had noticeably stepped up their activities, spurred on by the 27 million dollars approved

by US Congress to aid Nicaraguan counter-revolutionaries. In an article entitled "We Shall Resist and Win", the newspaper of the Sandinista National Liberation Front "La Berricada" writes that the decision of US Congress to earmark huge sums of money to aid the counter-revolutionary gangs is in effect the "legitimization" of Washington's policies of state terrorism posing a threat to other peoples.

TENSE SITUATION IN LEBANON

Beirut. Information released by the Lebanese patriotic front says that over the past few days the guerrillas have stepped up their fight against Israeli invaders. They have attacked the strongholds of the occupation forces and their puppets all along the border.

The Lebanese Prime Minister Rachid Karamé has praised the patriots' courage. He declared

that their actions have made the invaders sound a retreat. Commenting on the alleged withdrawal of the Israeli occupation forces from Lebanon, he said that Israel had, in fact, only redeployed them.

The situation in Beirut remains tense. Shooting continues in Palestinian refugee camps and along the "green line" dividing Beirut into East and West.



ABC of the diktat language.

Drawing by Konstantin Rybalko.

USA-Japan: stepping up military cooperation

Tokyo. The head of the Japanese National Defence Department Koichi Kato has returned to Tokyo from a visit to the United States where he had talks with the chief of the Pentagon, Casper Weinberger, and other high-ranking American military officials.

Tokyo sent its embassy to Washington with authority to give assurances that Japan is ready to assume a still greater part in Washington's strategy. At the Pentagon, Kato described another five-year programme prepared by his De-

partment for further build-ups in the country's defence potential until the year 1990.

One of the major topics at the talks was President Reagan's notorious "strategic defence initiative". K. Kato actually gave his open support for this militarist doctrine confirming the "understanding" previously expressed by the prime minister Yasuhiro Nakasone as regards this programme for militarization of outer space. Before Kato's visit to Washington, Tokyo had allowed the Japanese concerns to join the work on the "star wars" programme.

Conflicts may quickly grow into global ones. This explains India's serious concern over the growing militarization of the situation in contiguous areas of the entire Indian Ocean basin.

Nations in the north-west Pacific are seriously alarmed by US military preparations in this region. The Soviet proposal for strengthening confidence-building measures in the Far East and considerably lessening military activity there aims at reversing this process. The same is true of a constructive Mongolian initiative for a convention on mutual non-aggression and non-use of force between Asian and Pacific nations. As for other Asian states, they may surely come up with lots of proposals to help build up mutual understanding and trust in the region. The jubilee meeting in Bandung, even 30 years after, confirms that Asian and African countries are still loyal to the struggle for freedom, independence, peace and security of nations.

Doubtless, all these are important resources of the policy of peace and security in Asia, which can be triggered by preparation for a pan-Asian forum. The Soviet Union is convinced that Asia is no less interested in working for peace and mutually profitable cooperation than the peoples of other continents. The USSR is prepared to act jointly with all countries of the region in this direction and thus promote a stronger peace and security there and elsewhere.

Eduard RYABTSEV



VIEWPOINT

Asia: resources of policy of peace and security

The vast Asian continent of more than two and a half billion people is a force which can have a serious impact on the normalization of the political climate on the globe. This could be considerably facilitated by implementing the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's idea on the importance of holding a pan-Asian forum to seek constructive avenues for strengthening peace and security in Asia.

Of late two schools of thought have been especially distinctly standing against one another on the continent. One of them stakes on military might. Its advocates claim that only this can ensure peace and stability. The other school stands for energetic action to effect disarmament and thus lessen military confrontation. It actively works for the elimination of foreign military bases and all foreign military presence. The attainment of these goals, they emphasize, would really lead to genuine peace and security on the continent.

Moscow has made it clear that its proposal for holding a forum, equivalent in significance to the Helsinki European Conference, was primarily motivated by the vital interests of the Asian peoples. This is understandable in various parts of Asia. The Japanese "Mainichi Shinbun" noted in this respect that there were no reasons to oppose such a forum for comparing notes and searching for constructive solutions to the continent's security problems. For its part the Indonesian "Merdeka" stressed that the Soviet proposal could stimulate an Asian initiative for Asians themselves to solve Asian problems.

The positive reaction in various political circles in Asia to the Kremlin proposal is understandable. It is primarily explained by the awareness of the serious danger of growing American military presence, which threatens to turn the entire Asian region into Pan-

gon's nuclear missile outpost. To prevent this from happening, the September 1984 session of the ASEAN Standing Committee decided to declare South-East Asia a zone free of nuclear weapons. In the same month a forum of South Pacific nations held at Tuvalu also demanded the creation of a nuclear-free zone there. Finally, the decision of the government in Wellington to ban US warships with nuclear engines or nuclear arms from New Zealand ports clearly indicates a desire to avoid turning the country into a target of a retaliatory nuclear strike.

Similar anti-militaristic and anti-nuclear sentiments are now rife in many Indian Ocean states. Together with other nations, India, current leader of the non-aligned movement, strongly favours turning it into a zone of peace. Recently Rajiv Gandhi stressed in Moscow that universal peace and stability in the regions are closely interconnected. In his opinion regional

Shameful farce

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the preference of certain people across the Atlantic. TASS is authorized to state that the entire dirty game ended since it is aimed at winning the international circus and is detrimental to the relations between Italy and the Soviet Union as well as other socialist countries. The sooner it is done the better.

CAMORRA BOSS ADMITS BEING 'BRAINWASHED'

Rome. The absurd allegation of "Bulgarian involvement" in the attempt on the life of John Paul II have been completely fabricated by the Italian press services and planted on the Italian public. This was stated in an interview to the weekly "l'Espresso" by G. Di Carlo, one of the leaders of Neapolitan Mafia, a Camorra boss who has agreed to cooperate with the Italian police.

In 1982 G. Di Carlo and other Camorra boss, R. C. were imprisoned in the Asinara prison where they made friends. In March 1983, says Di Carlo, he was transferred to another prison, where he would be killed in a way. The alarmed prisoner decided to appeal to their "General". P. Musumeci, Deputy Director of the Military Information and Security Service (SISMI) and national commander F. Pizzino.

General Musumeci, Di Carlo, met Di Carlo and the Asinara prison promised to help if he made Agca "repent" and provide the evidence required. The General agreed to a slip of paper which contained the "motives for repentance" and a plan of action, which included the Soviet and Bulgarian citizens. All who were then brought to the room, was told that things would smoothly for him. The aspirators read him the document drawn up by SISMI, and Musumeci made him sign it.

It is pointed out here by involvement in the operation Musumeci and Pizzino, who were planning appropriate measures but so far all in vain. According to Reuters, Singapore on the rise: while last year 17 such attacks were registered, the area of Singapore, this has already happened 22 times in the last six months of this year.

FACTS and EVENTS

© "End the Arms Race, Prevent 'Star Wars'" — proposal is contained in a document circulated at the US Congress by the "Women for Peace" organization. It notes that the arms race unleashed by the US administration has brought the world closer to nuclear disaster.

© The US House of Representatives has voted to suspend economic aid to Iraq for one year in addition to the \$1 billion already given to that country.

© Over half a million people have been registered in the drought-stricken areas where the UN started feeding a new life.

Jointly plundering Namibia

Namibia. Enjoying West's financial and military backing, the racist South African regime is busy plundering with impunity the natural resources of Namibia which is occupied by it, including reserves of uranium, diamonds, copper, lead and zinc, says a commentary released here by PANA news agency. Diamond production in Namibia, for instance, is the monopoly of De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited, the largest mining company in the world, which rapidly exploits deposits of this precious mineral. As a result, Namibian reserves are rapidly depleting and will be completely exhausted in a lapse of 20 years. The present mining rates are preserved.

The export of diamonds, the main buyers of which are South Africa and Amsterdam, brings fabulous profits to South African companies, PANA understands. The net profit which they reap from operations in Namibia in 1982 alone amounted to over 40 per cent of all their earnings.

In defence of Mandela

London. Over 60 noted British figures have urged Margaret Thatcher to take effective steps to free Nelson Mandela, who is among millions of black Africans, the majority of whom are now in South Africa. The 23 years now this leader of the African National Congress (ANC) has been held in goal by white authorities.

A letter he managed to send to his associates at large makes it clear that his will is not broken. He rejects the shameful offer to get his freedom in exchange for renouncing the struggle against apartheid.



A wave of mass demonstrations against Washington's aggressive policy towards Nicaragua and its support for the "contras" is sweeping across the United States. The demonstrators are resolutely protesting the undeclared US war against this Central American country and demanding an immediate lifting of the trade embargo with it. ● A demonstration in Washington.

Photo ADN-TASS

American churches harassed by FBI

Washington. It has been revealed at a trial, which has taken place in Phoenix, Arizona, that under the Reagan administration American churches have become targets of surveillance and electronic espionage on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"The Washington Post" reported that the FBI had for ten months been carrying out what was code-named as operation "Sojourner", during which bugs had been installed in a number of churches in Arizona. Besides, informants had been infiltrated to find out if some clergymen had given shelter to political refugees from El Salvador hiding from both repression in their own country and threats of expulsion by American authorities.

Two FBI agents posing as believers had made a total of some 100 secret tape recordings of confessions, assemblies and sermons. The "evidence" collected in this way had been used to charge 10 clergymen with harboring "undesirables".

Having covered even American churches with electronic surveillance, "The Washington Post" said, the US secret police had made mockery of the country's Constitution formally guaranteeing the freedom of conscience and the freedom of speech and assembly. Pastor James Otis of the Lutheran Church of the town of Uson said at the Phoenix trial that some of his parishioners now declined to come to the church for fear of being wire-tapped and compromised.

Science and technology

MECHANO-SET HOUSES

Interlock is a new construction method devised by Portuguese engineer C. dos Santos. This method gives any adult the opportunity to build a small house easily and almost without special implements. It costs 70 per cent less than a house built by conventional methods. One square metre wall can be assembled in just seven minutes. The engineer was inspired by the principles used in children's mechano sets. House blocks are made from concrete, bricks and ceramics which are solidly connected to each other by means of interlocking pins and holes. They require practically no cement.

ROBOT UNRAVELS MYSTERY

A floating robot was used by Japanese scientists to unravel the mystery of the so-called Japanese triangle of death where 20 ships disappeared completely within one year. The robot, one metre in diameter, daily transmitted information about observations to the tracking station through meteorological communication satellite. The cause of the loss of ships, in all probability, was the sudden tsunami waves about 20 m high.

OF INTEREST

The biggest palace...

Until recently the Vatican palace was considered as the biggest in the world. It has about 1,400 halls and rooms. Not long ago this "record" was beaten by the palatial estate of Brunei. There are 1,738 halls in its new palace.

Strongest teeth

They, probably, belong to Voltaire Alpay of Belgium. Not long ago he established a peculiar "world record". By means of a rope squeezed between his teeth through a system of pulleys, he moved 11 railway cars with a total weight of 154 tonnes. The previous "record" was two tonnes less.

FROM the SOVIET PRESS

ILLUSORY DOCTRINE

Any US attempt to disrupt the existing military parity and assure itself a unilateral advantage will continue to be vigorously countered, Dr. of Sc. (History) A. Kokoshin writes in PRAVDA. While doing that, the Soviet Union naturally has a possibility to choose measures that meet the interests of its defence capability in the fullest measure. Simultaneously, seeking to prevent another round of the arms race and its spread to outer space, the Soviet Union forwards constructive initiatives and persistently presses for concrete and mutually acceptable agreements in Geneva.

The arguments pushed by those promoting various scenarios for "star wars", Kokoshin says, are beyond serious criticism. The American strategists envision an exchange of blows to ICBM silos without damage to industrial facilities and administrative centers and without major losses of the American population. They also have visions of such an option as the first strike at such silos, which would go unpunished.

The Soviet military doctrine rejects the idea that nuclear war can be "limited" or waged under "rules" as illusory and exceptionally dangerous, the article says in conclusion.

IN REVANCHIST FRENZY

The shameful spectacle enacted recently by US President Reagan and West German Chancellor Kohl at the graves of SS men in the cemetery of the West German town of Bitburg has clearly inspired the West German revanchists, writes Yu. Boris in KRASNAYA ZVEZDA newspaper. Recently they have held a series of loud provocative gatherings in various cities of the country. Over 300,000 of them, 150,000 of the so-called "Stoik Germans" in Stuttgart and 125,000 members of the "East Prussian Community" in Dusseldorf met to contend that the "German question" allegedly remained open and to argue against the existing socio-political order in Europe.

The filthy wave of revanchism, which has particularly swelled during the years of the current ruling coalition of CDU/CSU — Free Democrats in power, provokes justified concern of the democratic public in Europe, the newspaper points out.

FICTITIOUS MILLION

In early May the Israeli Government suddenly promised a reward of one million dollars for information on whereabouts of Nazi military criminal Josef Mengele, "lamed" for his medical experiments on inmates at the Oswolcim concentration camp, writes I. Balyayev in LITERATURNAYA GAZETA. He is responsible for the death of 400,000 of them. The spy hunter for the Israeli justice ministry in West Jerusalem specified it coordinated its actions with the USA in the search for Mengele. And yet the hunt for him has been on for over 40 years now. Way back in the 50s and 60s I often heard of it in the Middle East where I worked at the time. The strange thing however, was that Mengele was hunted by everyone except Israel and the USA, and the reawakened interest of the Israeli authorities in finding him appears to be just a play to thus divert world attention from terrible Israeli crimes in Lebanon, the author points out.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST ANGOLA

Investigations into the attempts by South African terrorists to blow up installations and depots in the very heart of Angola's oil industry in Maloango (Cobinda province) have concluded in Luanda, the Angolan capital. If the evil-minded crime aimed at destabilizing the republic's economy has been carried out, the country would have suffered damages of 250 million dollars, writes V. Mikhailov in SOTSIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA.

Significantly, on the eve of the attempted sabotage the UNITA traitors widely publicized it in the Western press. They announced that their gangs intended "to start hostilities" in Cabinda. It is not by chance that this combination of propaganda and sabotage operation was conceived shortly before a scheduled political show of the Reagan administration — the First World Congress of anti-communist rebels' took place. It was expected to raise the profile of these American and South African puppets.

The Maloango lasso, stresses the author, revealed to the whole world that the undeclared war against Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and other independent African states are being waged not by counter-revolutionary groupings, but by the military machines of the racist South African regime, manipulated from across the ocean.

Computer helps puppets act

A puppet theatre with giant puppets — five metres high — has been set up in Japan. Traditional materials such as wood, paper, maché and plaster proved inappropriate here so nylon balloons were used. Puppets move and act not with the help of actors but computers. Performances with giant puppets are staged at stadiums and summer theatres before thousands of audiences.

Alpine Metro

This is how the Swiss call the world's most high-altitude railway, which opened recently. Cars pulled by cable rods pass through a 1,850-metre-long tunnel cut through rock. The last stop is 3,455 metres above sea level.



BALLET FESTIVAL CONTINUES

"Any spare ticket?"—this question is asked with hopeful expectations outside the Sverdlov Square metro station these days. People are eager to get to the Bolshoi, where the second stage of the International Ballet Contest has commenced. The programme of each of the three stages includes compulsory items from classical ballet but the second features modern choreography as well. This invariably arouses interest, as it affords the opportunity to see the main trends and directions in contemporary world choreography.

More than 24 dancers with the highest scores will enter for the third stage. It is very difficult, indeed, to score the highest mark—12 points—so as to qualify for this stage which begins on

school so unfamiliar to me? I do classical Indian dancing, which is very different from that of the European school. Yet, my colleagues believe that what is necessary for a more objective assessment is the observation of a specialist representing another, but similar art, such as ours, because the aesthetic approaches are alike in both cases.

Unfortunately I will not see a representative of my country at this contest, she continued. We have no tradition of European ballet. We in our country have nine very ancient forms of classical ballet, which are highly different and require various levels of training. However, being at the contest entitles me and enables me to meet different schools of dancing and to see a broad panorama of the state of modern ballet.

Larisa SEDITSKAYA

'Musicians Are Joking'

A festival "Musicians Are Joking" took place recently in Tbilisi, capital of Soviet Georgia. Its initiator and organizer was Liana Isakadze, a well-known violinist.

There is nothing surprising that our festival includes such names as Bach, Schubert, Liszt, Stravinsky, Gershwin and other serious composers, she says. In their creative work, apart from philosophical motives, they also developed jokes, composed music not alien to humour. This is the aim pursued by our festival. Its programme also included compositions by Soviet authors. Commentary on the many open air dramatic numbers were run by popular actor Zinoviy Gerdt.

The chamber orchestra of Georgia, under the baton of Isakadze, occupied a leading place among the participants. In the concert programme. Winner of many competitions, Isakadze has perfectly mastered the profession of a conductor—something rare for a woman.

Peace Monument

A ceremony marking the unveiling of a Peace Monument made by M. Anukushin, People's Artist of the USSR, has taken place in Nagasaki, Japan. The sculptural group—a mother with a child in her arms—stands in one of the city's central squares.

Animals, plants must not perish

This is the motto of an exhibition of works by West German animalist Norman Will-Kerry, organized in Moscow by the USSR Artists' Union and the Bavarian society for promoting relations between the FRG and the Soviet Union. On display are 20 paintings and 40 drawings mainly done over the past four years. Among the exhibits are several series of works about the rich nature of Bavaria, the fauna of Russia and animals of India.

Norman Will-Kerry is considered as the most famous animalist of West Germany. He annually displays his works in his country, as well as Belgium, Finland, Austria, France and Britain. This is his first exhibition in the USSR, attended by the artist himself.

Norman Will-Kerry says that one of the main tasks of his creative work, is to make his contemporaries who are greatly influenced by scientific and technical progress, feel the palpitating soul of tiny



Norman Will-Kerry at the exhibition.

Photo by Vadim Shultz

animals, sense that they belong to nature. His works contain an appeal for a careful attitude towards everything alive surrounding us.

Viktor YEVKIN



These photos were taken by press photographer Alexei Pyodkov at the oldest Moscow Circus in Tsvetnoi Boulevard, which is preparing a clown gala for the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students to be held in Moscow this July.

Varna Summer festival

The traditional festival Varna Summer has opened at the famous Black Sea resort in Bulgaria, where the country's well-known

companies and foreign guests will perform from June 15 to July 18. Concerts given by the orchestras of Varna Philharmonic society and the opera theatre, chamber ensemble "Sofia Solists", ballet parties with the participation of performers from the USSR, Hungary and Czechoslovakia and the host-country of the festival, are supplemented with various interesting events. As part of the programme of the international summer academy, courses of windhorn and percussion instruments will be held. Four ballet exhibitions will open.

acknowledged as the best historic documentary at a national film festival held in Bombay. It won the first prize.

Jaroslav Hasek's works in Russian

By releasing Volume Six of Khudozhestvennaya Literatura Publishers has ended its work on the Complete Works of Czech writer Jaroslav Hasek in Russian. This is the first of the first translations of the creative heritage left by the great Czech satirical writer. This edition is most complete so far, covering his literary articles, stories and letters.

Besides, his book of prophetic entitled, "The Future of the World", was published in Russian. It unites a number of major construction companies resolved to establish close business links with their Soviet counterparts.

The firm's specialists often visit Moscow for market exploration to familiarize Soviet specialists with achievements of the Austrian construction industry.

It is my sixth visit to Moscow this year alone, says H. Dautzenberg, a commercial councillor of the firm. Our goal is to assist in realizing housing projects (par-

The best film of the year

The Soviet-Indian documentary "Nehru", directed by Sh. Benegal and Yuri Aldokhin, was a great success. The three-part film about the life and activity of Jawaharlal Nehru, one of India's national liberation movement leaders of the anti-colonialist struggle against Britain and the first Prime Minister of Independent India, his struggle for peace and friendship among peoples, against imperialism, colonialism and racism, was

Such was the impression from her first book, "A Rough Copy", put out by the Molodaya Gvardiya Publishers in Moscow and recently translated into Italian. Noted artist Renato Guttuso illustrated it as a school daybook, making the verses serve as diary pages of a child who can "listen to the rain with her fingers" and who already ponders over the mystery of being: "through whose eyes do I see the world?"

For ten days she travelled together with poet Yevgeny Yevushenko through Rome, Venice, San Remo and Abruzzi and came to be known by entire Italy. She was received by illustrious artist Renato Guttuso, winner of the International Lenin Prize "For the Promotion of Peace Among Nations". Outstanding Spanish poet Rafael Alberti, winner of the same prize, drew specially for her a dozen of peace as an autograph. Milan schoolchildren presented Nika with verses they wrote under the impression of her books and drawings they themselves made to illustrate such verses.

WHAT'S ON!

June 18-21

THEATRES

Bolshoi Theatre (Sverdlov Sq). 18 — Shchedrin, "The Sea Gull" (ballet). 19 — The 4th International Ballet Competition. Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre (17 Pushkinskaya St). 19 — Khrennikov, "Dorothea" (opera). 20 — Double-bill: Schubert, "Evening Dances"; Strauss, "Straussiana" (one-act ballets). 21 — Verdi, "La battaglia di Legnano".

Operetta Theatre (at the premises of the Mirror Theatre of the Hermitage Garden, 3 Karetny Ryad). 18 — Lehar, "The Merry Widow". 20 — Kramer, "Catherine". 21 — Kalman, "The Gypsy Princess".

FILMS

To Charge General Nesterov to Do This (Mosfilm Studios, USSR).

About the selfless work of modern military builders. Cinema "Rodina" (5 Semenovskaya St). Metro: Semenovskaya.

"Samurai" (India, 2 parts). An adventure film about a

search for gold about the wrecked ship "Samurai". Cinema "Sofia" (31 Sverdlov Blvd). Metro: Shchyolkovskiy.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition Hall, USSR Academy of Arts (21 Kropotkinskaya St). Works by Viktor Skvortsov: paintings and a series of portraits of people prominent in science and culture. Daily, except Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 7 p.m. Metro: Kropotkinskaya.

Exhibition Hall of the Water Protection Society (15 Voznesenskaya St). "Harmony of Colour and Plasticity", an exhibition of works by Anna Dandova (Czechoslovakia). Apart from glass items and decorative objects, wood-carvings, lacquer and metal engravings, watercolor artists are on display. Daily, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Metro: Voznesenskaya. Trolleybus 2, bus 10.

CONCERT HALLS

Olimpiyskiy Sports Complex (Metro: Prospekt Mira). Riccardo Fogli (Italy).

'INRYBPROM-85'

Leningrad will host fishing specialists from many countries this August. The exhibition complex on Vasilyevsky Island will be the venue for the fourth international specialized exhibition "Inrybprom-85" — "Current Means of Reproduction and Use of Water Resources". It is to be attended by over 20 nations. The Soviet part of the exhibition will boast nearly 3,000 items.

The show's three main sections are "Aquaculture", "Commercial Fishing" and "Spawning and Raising Fish, Invertebrates and Seaweeds in Sea and Salty Water". Among the items are various refrigerating, hoisting and transportation equipment, containers for keeping and shipping fish and its products, equipment for processing sea products and getting roe, as well as new fish products, sea hunting wares, and fishermen's household items. The modern

fleet of the fishing industry will mount one of the most impressive sections of the exhibition.

The ship radioelectronics section will feature the latest communication devices, sonic depth finders and instruments monitoring fishing implements. Of special interest will be the current underwater craft for researching the depths of the World Ocean.

A special section will be devoted to international fishing cooperation.

Lidiya SHALUNOVA

PERFUME FOR MOST REFINED AND ROMANTIC TASTES

Soviet specialists were familiarized with new products from 18 leading foreign perfume and cosmetic firms at an exhibition recently held at Moscow's International Trade Centre.

It was the biggest display ever mounted in Moscow by a foreign firm.

As French firms lead the world in perfumes and cosmetics they were the main exhibitors.

Such exhibitions are highly useful, says Pierre Bonnet, Exports Manager (Europe) of Parfums Givenchy. We are happy to show Soviet colleagues our achievements and to tell them about our plans. For many years we have been cooperating with Soviet organizations, like Soyuzrussimport and Vneshpromimport. Our volume of trade grows every year. To us, the Soviet market is something special, be-

cause perfume is widely used in this country. We would like the Givenchy trade mark to be known throughout the Soviet Union.

We are in our second year of cooperation with the Soviet Union, says Nicholas Rubin, sales manager of Parfums Grès. Last year we signed a contract with Soviet partners. But, unfortunately, the volume of our exports to the USSR has so far been small, mainly involving perfume for women. At the exhibition we are showing liquid perfume and hope it will be appreciated by Soviet men.

Our firm Jacomo, only 15 years old, is making its first appearance in Moscow, says Solange Lauthier, its export area manager. However, we export our products to 80 countries, and we would like to add the Soviet Union to our list of im-

porters. Our exhibits in Moscow include the perfumes Silences and Jacomo pour Homme, a number of lotions, deodorants and other items. We have done everything possible to establish trade links with the Soviet Union. Over the past few days I have visited shops in Moscow and seen some Soviet perfumes. In shape and appearance they look elegant and nice. I have taken a liking to quite a few of them.

American Estée Lauder, one of the world's largest firms producing perfumes and cosmetics, also exhibited its products. I came to the Soviet Union for the first time in 1971, says Peter H. Pfaffig, Lauder's senior vice-president. I then negotiated with Soviet organizations the delivery of our products to the Soviet market. Today we have links with Vneshpromimport and Soyuzrussimport which buy our perfumes, scents and make-up. Our annual exports amount to millions of dollars. Seeking new forms of cooperation, we have been discussing with the USSR Ministry of Food Industry the possibility for barter deals (direct goods exchange).

I often visit your country and see that your people, especially the youth, wear nice clothes. They follow the fashion, wear

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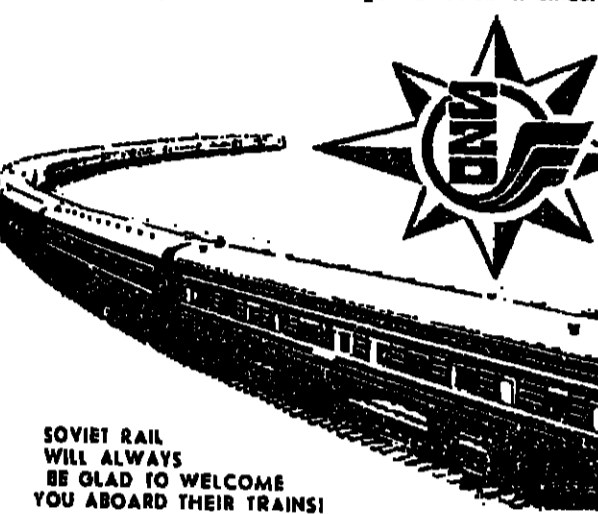
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neat clothes and take interest in cosmetics and perfumes. I am glad to realize that our products are appreciated by the Soviet people, and we hope that our exports will expand.

Nataliya IZYUMOVA

CMEA: exchange of electric power grows

In 1990 annual deliveries of electric power from the USSR to CMEA member-states will grow by 20 billion kWh. To this end socialist countries are jointly building in the USSR two major nuclear electric power stations—Khmimlitskaya and Yuzhno-Ukrainskaya—which are to be linked

by 750-volt power lines with Rzeszow (Poland) and, in transit through Romania, with Dobruzha (Bulgaria). Construction of the two power lines is nearing completion and their commissioning is expected this year. Socialist countries have been successfully exchanging electric

power for a long time. With this in mind, more than 20 years ago they created the united energy system "MIR" (Peace) which helps soundly use electric power capacities of the CMEA countries but in effect mutually advantageous exchange of electric power and, in cases of necessity, render assistance to each other. Rational manoeuvring with electric power generating capacities enables, by estimates of specialists, up to one and a half million kilowatt hours of electric energy to be saved annually. This roughly amounts to the yearly output of a major electric power station.

Tourist links develop

Tourist links between the Soviet Union and the German Democratic Republic are successfully developing.

An agreement on cooperation in the field of tourism between the USSR State Committee for Foreign Tourism and the GDR Ministry of Transportation was signed in Moscow.

It provides for a medium 3-5 per cent annual increase in mutual tourist exchange, a diversification of itineraries, a wider use of all the transportation means, cooperation in training workers, advertising and information on tourism matters.

The USSR State Committee for Foreign Tourism has drafted jubilee itineraries, dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the Victory. The tourists' visit hero-cities, memorial complexes, museums of military history, battlefields of the Great Patriotic War, and meet Soviet war veterans and public figures.

The German Democratic Republic took part in jubilee festivities, dedicated to the Victory. Soviet tourists, visiting the GDR this year along with regular tours are offered to make commemorative trips, like "Travelling the Friendship", "German-Soviet Friendship".

'THE BEST PLACE TO REST'

A protocol on cooperation in tourism for 1985-88 has been signed in Moscow after the 3rd meeting of the delegation of the Cyprus Tourism Organization and USSR State Committee for Foreign Tourism on the fulfilment of an agreement between the two countries' governments.

The Protocol was signed on behalf of the Soviet Union by Vladimir Lobedev, Vice-Chairman of the USSR State Committee for Foreign Tourism while Georgiades signed for Cyprus. Both sides undertook to promote tourist exchange, expansion, encourage exchange of information and know-how in tourism, contribute to advertising activity and organization of tourist exhibitions.

Antonis Andonikou, Director-General of Cyprus Tourism Organization, says: "Tourism is the cornerstone of our economy, because income from it constitutes 60 per cent of the country's gross national income. I believe that there is no bet-

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ter place for rest than our little island with its fine climate, the sea, forests and mountains. Those interested in antiquity can visit ancient castles, churches and museums.

Good business contacts have been established between Intourist and many of our firms, such as Alopa, Grotas, Francoules. I think that trips of Soviet tourists to Cyprus, beginning from 1988, will increase 3.5 times. Mainly the attention of Soviet guests is attracted by such cities as Nicosia, Larnaca, Limassol and others.

The number of Cypriot tourists to the USSR is growing. Mainly they visit Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev.

Tours for members and acquaintances of the USSR-Cyprus friendship society are arranged. Apart from sightseeing excursions in the city, visits to museums, exhibitions, plays and concerts, old tourists are given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the achievements of the Soviet people in various spheres of the national economy, science and culture.

They also visit industrial enterprises, social and welfare institutions and participate in round-table conferences and friendship parties.

Yelena KHEANOVA